MINUTES

OF THE

Fifty-Seventh Annual Session

OF THE

Mt. Pisgah Baptist Association

HELD WITH

Pleasant Hill Church

NEWTON CO. MISS.

September 15th, 16th and 17th, 1894.

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Report of the Committee on the State of Religion and Fraternal Correspondence with the Churches.

Dear Brethren of the Mt. Pisgah Association :

Your committee would report, that we are much impressed with a sense of the amazing mercy and goodness of God to our dear Association, and the churches composing it. We meet this year in the fifty-seventh annual session of the body ; yet, in all these years no damaging disaster has fallen upon us, but harmony, union and success has marked our course in each successive year. Nor has the past year been an exception to the ever merciful rule observed in the Lord's gracious dealings with us. In this our fifty-seventh annual meeting with Pleasant Hill Church, we have pleasing evidences of the divine blessing. The weather has been pleasant, our reception cordial, our support tasty and abundant. We have word from all our churches, except one. The letters from the churches represent them as generally in peace, maintaining order and discipline. All of our churches have had preaching, with fully the usual number of baptisms. We thank God for his mercies. And now, beloved brethren, let us remember our privileges, think of our obligations, and prepare to meet them. Let us be true to God, to the teaching of the New Testament, which contains the rule of faith and practice of the Baptists. We are a growing people. Great care should be taken to train young people for faithful service. Let us bear in mind that every fact in religion must be settled by the Word of God ; nothing is to be taken for granted. An intimate acquaintance with the Scriptures should be urged upon our people. The doctrines of Campbellism should be understood by our pastors and membership and the real difference between them and the Baptists, as they are seeking to disturb some of our churches. The difference is very great, but do our people understand it ? Our pastors should give line upon line to their people. Pastors are commanded to watch ; let us heed.

N. L. CLARKE,
J. M. MOORE,
W. P. VAUGHN,
J. R. PACE,
W. S. FORD,
J. W. ARNOLD,
A. J. GORDON,
J. D. McCORD.

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PLEASANT HILL BAPTIST CHURCH,
Newton County, Miss., Sept. 15, 1894.

According to previous appointment, at 11 o'clock, Eld. H. O. White preached the Introductory Sermon to a large and appreciative audience. Text—Romans 6 chap. 23d verse. "The wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." The sermon was considered sound, instructive and interesting, and seemingly enjoyed by all that heard it.

At the close of the services, an hour was spent in partaking of refreshments, which were abundantly served by the church and surrounding community.

AFTERNOON—SATURDAY.

After Singing an appropriate hymn, prayer was made, led by Eld. W. S. Ford, after which the Moderator convened the Association in her fifty-seventh session. The following committees were then appointed by the chair:

To Read Letters—A. J. Freeman, J. M. Moore and I M. Nichols.

Finance—T. C. Viverett, D. T. Chapman and Joseph Hollingsworth.

Eld. W. P. Vaughn was appointed to preach at the stand and W. M. Yarbrough to close.

Letters from the churches were then called for and read and the names of delegates enrolled. All of the churches were represented by delegates or letter except one, Bethel, Neshoba county.

By unanimous vote the Association agreed to re-officer by acclamation. All of the old officers re-elected; N. L. Clarke, Moderator; Jas. E. Chapman, Clerk; J. E. Graham, Treasurer.

Visiting ministers were invited to seats in the body.

Petitionary Letters called for, when the following churches presented letters through their delegates, all of whom were received and the right hand of fellowship extended by the Moderator: New Providence, Newton county, and Hebron, Newton county. Also, Ephesus Church, Scott

county, Miss., presented a letter of dismission from the Springfield Association, which was received.

Correspondence called for from sister Associations. The following were received:

Choctaw—R. M. Woodruff.

Springfield—W. A. Gatewood, Oliver Smith.

New Liberty—Z. K. Gilmore, E. W. Sumrall.

Salem—E. V. Anderson.

Harmony—R. H. Brantley.

All of whom were received, the Moderator extending the hand of fellowship and welcome.

The usual committees were appointed by the Moderator as follows;

On Preaching—Pastor and deacons of this church with brethren T. H. Stamper, T. G. Coker, Jas. Simmons, J. D. McCord and H. J. Connell.

Queries and Requests—T. I. Wells, J. E. Graham, T. H. Stamper, R. K. Cleaveland.

Missions—W. S. Ford, B. W. Sansing, W. S. Duckworth, J. M. Hutson.

Nominations—D. T. Chapman, I. H. Brown, J. Ed. Chapman, A. W. W. Gratton.

Sabbath Schools—H. O. White, T. L. Gaines, J. T. Savall, J. W. McMullen.

Temperance—J. J. Ingram, W. M. Yarbough, E. N. Robinson.

Publications—A. J. Freeman, H. W. Laird, T. C. Viverett.

Education—H. Bruce, W. J. Bruner, T. M. Kennedy, A. B. Gordy.

Obituaries—J. M. Hutson, J. G. Walton, W. W. Coursey, R. M. Woodruff, Jas. E. Chapman, I. M. Nichols.

On motion, the Moderator was added.

State of Religion—By motion, N. L. Clarke was made chairman; J. M. Moore, W. P. Vaughn, J. R. Pace, W. S. Ford, J. W. Arnold, A. J. Gordon, J. D. McCord.

Committee on Preaching made the following report: That T. I. Wells preach at the School Hall to-night, W. S. Ford at Poplar Springs School House and W. M. Yarbrough at Bro. Wm. Valentine. The annual sermon on Missions be preached to-morrow at eleven as per appointment last year. Bro. R. M. Woodruff in the afternoon on Sunday, J. W. Arnold at the Hall Sunday night, Z. K. Gilmore, Monday at eleven, and W. S. Ford in the afternoon. That brother R. K. Cleaveland conduct prayer meeting Sunday, commencing at ten o'clock.

On motion, agreed to take up a collection for the different Mission work at the close of the 11 o'clock services on the Sabbath.

On motion, agreed to adjourn until Monday morning 9 o'clock.

LORD'S DAY SERVICES.

The people began to gather about the usual time and a large number attended. At 10 o'clock the prayer meeting was opened and conducted by R. K. Cleaveland, which was interesting and profitable. During the meeting a special prayer was made for our afflicted brother brother, W. B. Dearing, led by A. J. Freeman.

At 11 o'clock the annual sermon on Missions was preached by J. M. Moore, alternate for L. B. Fancher, he being absent. Text: Isaiah 45 chap. and 22d verse, "Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth, for I am God, and there is none else." In the afternoon, R. M. Woodruff preached. Text: 1st. Peter, 2nd chap. and 7th verse, "Unto you therefore, which believe, He is precious." Both of the sermons were listened to with much attention, and was considered good sound Bible doctrine, and was much appreciated by the large audience. We feel and hope that much good will result from this day's services. At the close of the morning service a collection was taken up for following objects:

Foreign Missions	$4 36
Indian Missions	9 15
Domestic Missions	4 25
Total	$17 76

MONDAY MORNING, 9 O'CLOCK.

After singing an appropriate hymn, brother D. C. Payne was asked to lead in prayer, after which the Moderator called the house to order, and the regular business of the Association was taken up.

The roll was called and the delegates responded.

The rules of decorum was read by the clerk at the request of the Moderator. Renewed the invitation to visiting ministers. Correspondence again called for, when E. W. Sumrall presented himself from the New Liberty Association, and was received. The following brethren were appointed as corresponding messengers;

To Harmony Association—Joe Rushing, J. J.Ingram, W. S. Ford, A. W. W. Grafton.

To Salem Association—N. L. Clarke.

To Bethlehem Association—W. P. Vaughn, A. F. Lindley.

To New Liberty Association—Jas. E. Chapman, N. L. Clarke, D. C. Payne.

To Springfield Association—T. M. Gould.

To Choctaw Association—L. B. Fancher, T. I. Wells.

To Pearl Valley Association---J.M. Moore, W. D. Sharpe.

Resolved, That corresponding messengers be instructed to write their own letters.

On motion of W. S. Ford, speeches were limited to ten minutes.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

On Queries and Requests—Report was read by T. I. Wells, and on motion unanimously adopted. Appendix A.

Missions—Report read by W. S. Ford, and was interestingly discussed by W. S. Ford, A. J. Freeman and others, and adopted. Appendix B.

$8.45 was contributed to Indian Missions during the discussion.

Sabbath Schools—The report was read by H. O. White and was spoken to by W. H. Willis, W. S. Ford and N. L. Clarke, after which it was adopted. Appendix C.

Nominations—Report read by I. H. Brown and on motion adopted. Appendix D.

State of Religion, &c.—Report read by J. M. Moore, which was adopted. First page.

Finance—Report read by T. C. Viverett and adopted. Appendix E.

Temperance—Report read by J. J. Ingram, after which it was discussed by J. J. Ingram, T. M. Gould. W. H. Willis and others, and was adopted unanimously. Appendix F.

Adjourned one hour for refreshments.

MONDAY—AFTERNOON.

The house was called to order by the Moderator and the regular order of business was taken up.

Report on Education—Read by H. Bruce and adopted. Appendix G.

Obituaries—Report read by J. M. Hutson, and on motion was adopted by allowing the clerk the privilege to add such other matter as he may receive. Appendix H.

Publications—Report read by A. J. Freeman, after

which it was discussed by A. J. Freeman, A. W. W. Grafton, E. V. Anderson and others, and adopted. Appendix I.

The following brethren were appointed as delegates to the General Association of Mississippi: A. J. Freeman, J. A. Johnston, H. Bruce, D. M. Stroud, D. T. Chapman, J. W. Arnold, J. M. Hutson, H. O. White, Jas. E. Chapman, A. W. W. Grafton, T. M. Kennedy, J. W. McMullen, W. P. Vaughn, T. C. Viverett, N. L. Clarke, T. M. Gould, W. M. Yarbrough, E. N. Robinson, W. J. Bruner, H. W. Laird.

RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved, 1st. That the clerk have Abstracts of Faith, Gospel Order and Rules of Decorum published, and that this resolution be made permanent for the future.

Resolved 2nd. That the pastors and delegates of this Association, be requested to bring the subject of Missions before their churches, and urge them to send up funds to the General Association.

Resolved 3rd. That we ask the churches to send up in their letters, next year, the amount of their contributions for benevolent purposes during the year that it may credited to them on the minutes.

Resolved 4th. Whereas Paul exhorts Timothy to keep that which was committed to him against that day; therefore,

Resolved, That we consider that there is danger of a departure from the faith of the gospel, both on the part of the ministry, and the churches.

Resolved further, That we feel that we see evidences of these changes in the innovation now being made in christian work in many parts of our country. These changes are seen in the forms of worship, and in the tendency to ape the world, and in forms, manner and sound, to make it theatrical, rather than christian. Again, by undervalueing pastors by bringing in evangelistic labors. By the restlessness of many of our membership, and their anxiety to form outside societies, as young peoples' association, and organizations by our female membership, in a great degree separate from the associations of our brethren, which things are crippling our churches and bring about a state of things not contemplated by Christ and His apostles. In extreme views of ministerial education, under estimating our home raised ministry, by which the cause of Christ has been sustained since the country has been settled.

Resolved 5th. That our Secretary be authorized to have the minutes printed where he can get them most neatly and

promptly done, paying for the same when so done, and he approves the work; and that he distribute them to the churches as soon as possible, drawing on the treasurer for his usual salary, printer's fee, and postage, reserving a sufficient number for correspondence.

Resolved 6th. All funds remaining in the hands of the treasurer, after all expenses have been met, shall be sent up to the General Association for Indian Missions.

Resolved 7th. That we most heartily tender our thanks to the Pleasant Hill Church, and the surrounding community at large, for their kind and generous support of this body during this meeting.

Resolved 8th. That we now adjourn to meet with Beulah Baptist Church, Newton county, Miss., on Saturday before the third Lord's Day in September, 1895.

Eld. L. B. Fancher is to preach the next Introductory Sermon, with J. W. Arnold, alternate; J. E. Chapman, the annual sermon on Missions, with T. I. Wells, alternate.

While singing one of the sweet old songs of Zion, the parting hand was given. and much tenderness was felt.

Closing prayer was made by N. L. Clarke, thus bringing to a close, one of the most harmonious meetings of the Old Mt. Pisgah Association.

N. L. CLARKE,
Moderator.

JAS. E. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

APPENDICES.

QUERIES AND REQUESTS—A.

We, your committee, submit the following report: We find two requests for the next meeting of this body, to-wit: Beulah and Poplar Springs Churches. We would recommend Beulah Church as the place for the next meeting of this Association.

Respectfully submitted,
T. I. WELLS, Chairman.

MISSIONS—B.

Your Committee on Missions submit the following report: We believe that the Mission work is the work that Christ committed to his church and followers, not that they should undertake the work independent of him, but co-operate with him in the spread of the Gospel of his great name throughout the length and breadth of the whole land, that the kingdoms of this world may soon become the kingdoms of our God and his Christ.

We believe that the spirit of Missions is the spirit of Christ. It was that spirit that moved him to action, in going about everywhere doing good, and we learn in his word that the good he did was not his will, but the will of the Father which sent him; hence our Lord said: "I came not to do

my own will, but the will of the Father that sent me, and this is the will of the Father, that you believe on him whom he hath sent."

Dear Brethren, we believe that the Mission work is pre-requisite to the preaching of the Gospel to all the nations and kingdoms of the world, else how can men do the will of the Father that sent him, (Christ) unless they hear of him, which will is to believe on him the Father hath sent. So we must be impressed by the word of God in Christ, "to go into all the world, and preach the Gospel to every creature," not forgetting to declare the whole counsel of God. It is written, "He that shall call upon the name of the Lord, shall be saved. How shall they call upon him in whom they have not believed? How shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard, and how shall they hear without a preacher, and how shall they preach except they be sent?"

Your Committee would recommend, that the pastors of the churches of this Association press the great, grand and vitally important question of the Mission work, of Home, Indian and Foreign, upon their people at least two or three times a year, by a special service for that purpose. The Lord of the harvest has caused the doors of all nations to open for the Gospel to enter, which is the power of God unto salvation, to every one that believeth.

Respectfully submitted,

W. S. Ford, Chairman.

SABBATH SCHOOLS—C.

We, your committee, would make the following report: We look upon the Sabbath School as being of much importance to the young people of our country. We think that it is the duty of our people to teach their children the great truths of the Gospel while they are young. Solomon says: "train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old, he will not depart from it." Again, we are taught to "bring up our children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord." Paul, in his letter to Timothy says, "that from a child thou hast known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation." Our observation and experience is, that where you find a well conducted Sabbath School, you are apt to find an intelligent, working membership in that church. We think that there has never been a time when the proper training of our children, was more important than it is just now. The Bible is the only true source of religious information, hence the importance of making it our only test book in the Sabbath Schools. We think the object of the Sabbath Schools should be to teach and disseminate a knowledge of the truths contained in the Bible. We are convinced of the fact, that there is or has been erroneous impressions made upon the minds of our young people in reference to the relation of the Sabbath School to the Church. Some say it is a part of the church, others the nursery of the Church, and others that it is the door into it. We do not look upon it as being any part of the Church, and that we should be very careful to draw the line of distinction between the Sabbath School and the Church.

Submitted,

H. O. White, Chairman.

NOMINATIONS—D.

Your Committee on Nominations would recommend: That Eld. L. B. Fancher preach the next Introductory Sermon, with J. W. Arnold as his alternate; Jas. E. Chapman, the next annual sermon on Missions, with T. I. Wells as his alternate.

Respectfully submitted,

D. T. CHAPMAN, Chairman.

FINANCE—E.

Your Committee on Finance submit the following report:

We have examined the Treasurer's report and find he has

received	$155 79
Disbursed	149 00
Balance on hand	$ 6 79
Received for Associational Purposes	115 55
" Domestic Missions	7 10
" Indian "	6 40
" Foreign "	2 00
Collected on Lord's Day, Domestic Missions	4 25
" " Indian "	9 15
" " Foreign "	4 36
Total	$155 60
Contributed on Monday for Indian Missions	8 45
Grand Total	$164 05

The churches named below sent up to this meeting the following amount for Missions:

	DOMESTIC.	INDIAN.	FOREIGN.
Harperville		$2 90	
Bethany		1 00	$1 00
Salem	$6 10		
Woodland	1 00	2 50	1 00
Totals	$7 10	$6 40	$2 00

TEMPERANCE—F.

While intemperance has been, and is still doing fearful and untold evil, not only in our own bounds, but throughout the world, we note with gratitude that very much has been done to create and build up a popular temperance sentiment in the country, yet there is a need of expression from God's people against intemperance. We should continue in this warfare against the use of all intoxicating liquors, until God's people shall be brought to the conclusion that it is wrong to indulge in the using of intoxicants, in any way, either by drinking as a beverage or aiding in the sale of it. We think that membership in a Baptist Church, should be regarded as a sufficient restraint to control any man in this matter.

Submitted,

J. J. INGRAM.

EDUCATION—G.

We, your Committee, would submit the following: It seems to us that our people are getting along very well on the line of Education. There has been a great advancement made in that direction of late years. Permanent

schools of high grade are being located within the reach of nearly all of our people. We would encourage education, because we believe that in the proper training and educating of our children we place them on a higher plain of usefulness in the world when they come to be men and women. They are better equipped for the battles of life, and when converted, they are better prepared for usefulness in Christ's Kingdom here in the world. We believe it to be our duty to get at least good, moral, and, if possible, Christian men and women to teach our children, for those that teach the young exert a great influence over them, both morally and religiously.

We would recommend Mississippi College, at Clinton, Miss., to those desiring a college education. We would urge upon our brethren the necessity of placing religious literature in the hands of their children as one of the best means of educating them right.

Respectfully submitted,

H. BRUCE, Chairman.

OBITUARIES—H.

Your Special Committee on Obituaries would respectfully submit the following report:

Since our last meeting death has visited a number of families and claimed loved ones as its victims. Hearts have been made sad, tears have been shed, and prayers have ascended, and yet the destroyer ceases not to do his work. From the letters received from the churches, we learn that 26 of their members have died during the year, all of whom were orderly, pious members, whose loss we mourn. Among the more prominent in usefulness, we would mention that of Elder S. J. Tullos, born April the 3rd, 1844, ordained to the full work of the Gospel ministry in 1875. His work was chiefly in the territory of the Mt. Pisgah Association. Bro. Tullos departed this life at his home, about four miles east of Edinburg, Neshoba Co. Miss., Nov. 28th, 1893, esteemed by all that knew him, as a minister and citizen, loved as a neighbor and mourned for as a husband and father, whose place can be filled only by the father of the fatherless and the husband to the widow.

Bro. E. W. Roebuck was born in the State of Ga., in 1813; joined the Baptist Church about 1840 or 45; moved to Newton County, Miss., in 1857, and connected himself with the Baptist Church, at Pinkney, where he remained an orderly and zealous member until his death, which occurred March 28th, 1894. Bro. Roebuck lived to a ripe old age, filling the office of Deacon with credit to himself for 20 years. His services were appreciated by the church and his useful life was one worthy of imitation.

Bro. J. C. Coursey was born in Edgefield District, South Carolina, June the 6th, 1824. United with Bethany Baptist Church in August, 1847, and after some changes in location, he finally classed his useful life with membership in Decatur Church. Bro. Coursey was stricken down Nov. 1st and died Nov. 9, 1893. He was a kind husband, an affectionate father, a true friend, and, judging from his life, a true Christian.

L. L. VIVERETT.—We also mention the name of our aged and esteemed brother, L. L. Viverett. Bro. Viverett was born in Nash County, N. C., April 24th, 1813, and was there raised to manhood. In early life he moved to Miss., and settled in Neshoba County. About 1845, he professed faith in Christ and was baptized into fellowship at Rocky Creek Church, Newton County, Miss., by Eld. N. L. Clarke pastor, at which he remained a member for many years. For a time, Bro. Viverett resided at Marion Station, again in Neshoba, and had membership in County Line Church. The last years of his life were spent at Newton, and was an honored member and deacon of the church at that place. Bro. Viverett was a quiet and amiable man, and

much esteemed by all that knew him. He died on the 12th of Nov. 1893, in his 81st year, assuring his friends that he would be at rest with Jesus.

PUBLICATIONS—I.

We, your committee on Publications, submit the following report :

The printing press is a power in the land for God, when directed by good men ; but for evil, when controlled by bad men. There are myriads of periodicals published, some for the advancement of religion, others whose tendency is to corrupt. Our people are becoming a reading people. There is a tendency, also, among the people, to try new things, and to take latitudian views of religious matters. Even our religious papers are catching on, or are admitting in their columns, views that has a tendency to draw away from the old landmarks of the Bible, and Baptist principles, which ,if not checked, will gradually lead into error, that will corrupt the church, and have a tendency to weaken her influence. We, therefore, should be very careful of what kind of periodicals we lay before our families. The papers advocating truth, are too numerous to mention, but we have one published in our midst, advocating our views, and strenuously contending for the faith, once delivered to the Saints, and is opposed to all innovating views and new theories, that are cropping out in the religious world. We speak of the Mississippi Baptist, published at Newton, Miss. Its editor, Rev. N. L. Clarke, is a tried veteran of the Cross, a true friend of the Baptists and Baptist principles. He has grown old in preaching the Gospel, and advancing the truths of the Bible. We heartily recommend the Mississippi Baptist as a paper to be taken and read by our people, and believe that we should encourage its circulation. We also recommend the Foreign Mission Journal, published at Richmond, Va.; The Home Field, at Atlanta, Ga.; and, for Sabbath Schools, Kind Words, at Nashville, Tenn.

Respectfully submitted,

A. J. FREEMAN, Chairman.

Ordained Ministers and their Post-Offices.

N. L. Clarke	Newton	A. J. Smith	Mt. Rose
R. K. Cleaveland	Union	W. P. Vaughn	Chunky
Jas. E. Chapman	Newton	J. M Hutson	Steele
B. W. Dearing	Newton	J. W. Arnold	Stamper
L. B. Fancher	House	J. J. Ingram	Dixon
J. C. Foster	Harperville	J. M. Moore	Union
W. M. Fulton	Union	H. O. White	Shealy
A. J. Freeman	Newton	T. M. Gould	Lake
W. S. Ford	Harperville	T. I. Wells	Moore's Mill
H. Bruce	Decatur	W. M. Yarbrough	Newton
E. N. Robinson	Lawrence	Joe Rushing	Harperville

LICENTIATES.

D. C. Payne	Union	J. H. Saterfield	Chunky
D. M. Stroud	Hickory	J. A. Johnston	Waldo
C. C. White	Hope	H. C. Rigdon	Battlefield
N. B. Hammond	Hickory	W. J. Bruner	Newton
T. J. Rhodes	Chunky	W. G. Everett	Hickory

ABSTRACT OF FAITH.—Preamble.

We, the churches of Jesus Christ, who have been regularly baptized upon the profession of our faith, and convinced of the utility of a combination of churches, and of maintaining a correspondence for the preserving of union amongst churches of the same faith, form ourselves into an Association upon the following principles, viz:

1. We believe in one Triune God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost, the same in essence, equal in power and glory.

2. We believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testament were given by the inspiration of God, and are the only rule of faith and practice.

3. We believe in the fall of Adam from his original rectitude, and in him, all his posterity; in consequence of which, we inherit a fallen and depraved nature, consequently the scriptural doctrine of the total depravity of human nature, and of man's inability to restore himself into the favor of God.

4. We believe that God hath loved His people with an everlasting love, that he chose them in Christ before the foundation of the World, that He calleth them with a holy and effectual calling and being justified alone through the righteousness of Christ imputed to them are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation.

5. We believe there is one mediator between God and man—the man Christ Jesus—who by the satisfaction he made to the law and justice, in becoming an offering for sin, hath, by his most precious blood, become the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth.

6. We believe that the gospel is God's appointed means of calling sinners to the knowledge of the truth—that he has commanded it to be preached to every creature, and requires all men to repent, believe and obey.

7. We believe that the gospel is made effectual by the operation of the Holy Spirit, and that the sinner, in order to be saved, must be born again.

8. We believe that good works are the fruits of faith, and follow after justification, and are evidences of a gracious state, and all believers are bound to obey every command of God from a principle of love.

9. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, a general judgment, and that the happiness of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will be eternal.

GOSPEL ORDER.

1. We believe that a visible church of Christ is a congregation of persons who have been baptized upon a profession of their faith, and who have given themselves to the Lord, and to one another in brotherly covenant to keep up a Godly discipline agreeable to the teachings of the New Testament.

2. We believe that Jesus Christ is the only Head and Lawgiver of His church; that the government is with the body, the church, and has equally the right and privilege of each member thereof.

3. We believe that Baptism and the Lord's Supper are Gospel ordinances, appointed by Jesus Christ, and are to be continued in the church until his second coming.

4. We believe that the Ordinances of Baptism and the Lord's Supper are properly administered only by ministers called of God, and set apart to the work by the imposition of hands by a Presbytery of regular Baptist Ministers.

5. We believe that immersion only, is Baptism, and that believers in Christ are the only proper subjects.

6. We believe that none but regularly baptized church members have a right to partake of the Lord's Supper.

7. We believe that it is the duty and privilege of all believers to make a public profession of their faith, to submit to the Ordinances of the gosgel and give themselves as members to the visible church.

8. We believe it to be the duty of every church to expel from her communion every member that is immoral in conduct, or that holds doctrine contrary to the Scriptures.

OBJECTS AND POWERS OF THIS ASSOCIATION.

1. This Association acknowledges and maintains that each church is an independent body, and possesses the sole right to exercise and control its own affairs; and, therefore this Association has no right or power to interfere with the internal rights and privileges of churches composing its body, but may withdraw from any church which may hold false doctrine, or tolerate immoral practice.

2. The objects of this Association shall be to promote fellowship and harmony among the churches; to inquire into any difficulties between the churches, and remove them if possible; to give the churches the best advice they can in difficult matters, when solicited, and, in general, to advance the interest of the Redeemer's Kingdom in any way they may deem practical.

3. With regard to the benevolent institutions in our country, we declare it to be the inalienable right of every association, of every church, of every individual member of a church, to support them, according to their own views of duty and dictates of their own conscience; and the right shall never be called in question in this Association. And any motion whereby this right is called in question shall be instantly ruled out by the Moderator, as being unconstitutional.

4. This Association may maintain a friendly correspondence when convenient, with other religious bodies of the same faith.

5. Ministers of the gospel, in good standing, though not delegates may be invited to seats in the Association, but not to have the privilege of voting.

6. The Association may appoint any person or persons by and with their consent, to transact any business they may deem necessary.

7. The Association may adjourn to any time and place they think proper.

8. The Association shall keep a record of their proceedings, and have them printed when necessary.

9. The Association shall have a fund, and appoint a treasurer to take charge of it, who shall account to the Association for all monies which shall come into his hands for the use of the Association.

10. The Associotion may form their own By-Laws, and regulate their own proceedings in such a manner as they may think expedient.

RULES OF DECORUM.

1. This Association shall consist of delegates chosen by the churches to which they respetfully belong, and shall be styled the Mt. Pisgah Association.

2. Such delegates shall be members in good standing, and no members under church censure, shall be allowed a seat in the Association.

3. They shall produce letters, certifying their appointment by their respective churches, and stating the number baptized, received by letter, restored, dismissed, excommunicated and deceased, during the preceeding Associational year, with the total number in fellowship, and such other statistical matters as the Association may direct.

4. This Association shall have a moderator, clerk and treasurer, who shall be annually chosen by a majority of the members present, by ballot or otherwise. Said officers shall fill their respective places, if present, at the succeeding Association, until a new election takes place, and while in office, shall discharge the duties ordinarily incidental to those offices.

5. If new churches desire to be admitted into the Association, they shall petition by letter and delegates, and, if orthodox and orderly, shall be received, and the Moderator shall recognize them by giving their delegates the right hand of fellowship in behalf of the body.

6. Every church shall be allowed two delegates and no more until her number shall exceed one hundred—three, until it shall exceed one hundred and fifty, then four and no more.

7. The Association shall neither answer or debate any query on Gospel doctrine, except it be merely to explain the meaning of the Articles of Faith of this Association.

8. Every motion made in order and seconded, shall be reduced to writing if requested by any member, and shall be considered by the Association except withdrawn by the mover before discussion.

9. Motions made and lost, shall not be recorded on the minutes, unless so ordered at the time.

10. If any proposition or motion under debate contain two or more points it shall be divided at the request of any member, and the vote taken on each point separately.

11. Only one member shall speak at the same time who shall arise from his seat and address the Moderator. He shall confine himself to the subject properly in debate, cast no reflection on the Association, or any member thereof and shall not be interrupted while speaking.

12. No person shall speak more than once upon the same subject till all who may desire to speak thereon have enjoyed that privilege, and not then without leave of the Association.

13. The Moderator shall have the privilege of speaking on any question to the body.

14. The Moderator shall decide questions of order, but an appeal from such decision may be taken to the whole body, which shall be decided without debate.

15. A majority of the members present shall be necessary to carry any motion or propostion, and the Moderator shall vote as other members when the question is taken; and in case of a tie, the question shall again be put to the Association, and if not then decided, the Moderator shall proceed to decide the matter in controversy by lot.

16. Committees shall be nominated by the Moderator; subject to the approval of the Association.

17. There shall be no talking or whispering while a brother is speaking.

18. No brother shall finally depart from the Association without leave of the body.

19. The names of the delegates shall be enrolled by the clerk, and called over whenever necessary.

20. The minutes shall be read and carefully corrected, if necessary, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk, before the Association rise.

21. A motion of final adjournment shall be construed to involve the previous reading and adjustment of the minutes.

22. The Association shall be opened by prayer.

23. The Rules of Order shall be distinctly read by order from the Moderator, as soon as the Association convenes on Monday.

24. The foregoing articles shall be subject to alteration or amendment, at any regular meeting of the Association by a majority of the Association.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	COUNTIES.	POST-OFFICES.	NAMES OF DELEGATES.	Baptized.	Received by Letter.	Restored.	Dissmissed by Letter.	Excluded.
Bethlehem	Newton	Union	J H Germany, T L Germany	2				
Bethel	Newton	Newton	Jas E Chapman, D T Chapman, J Ed Chapman		1		3	
Bethel	Neshoba	House	Not Represented					
Bethany	Neshoba	Hope	S T Hattaway, W M Tullos	1	4		2	
Beulah	Newton	Shealy	H O White, J W Williams, Jas Harrison, W H Harrison	13		3	23	
County Line	Neshoba	Union	M W Laugham, B W Sansing				2	
Concord	Jasper	Garlandsville	W S Duckworth					
Cross Roads	Newton	Keenan	T H Stamper, H Bruce	17			3	
Centre Ridge	Newton	Moore's Mill	J S Wells	2			2	
Decatur	Newton	Decatur	J W McMullen, T L Gaines, W W Coursey, T G Coker	1			5	
Enon	Neshoba	Union	J C Savall, W D Sharpe	4			4	
Ebenezer	Neshoba	Beech Springs	R G Walton, E L Walton	1			2	
Ebenezer	Newton	Lawrence	E N Robinson, B W Robinson			2		
Ephesus	Scott	Forest	B A Myers, G W Gardner	3			1	
Good Hope	Newton	Hickory	D M Stroud, S W Monroe	2			1	
Good Hope	Scott	Lake	E T Clarke, W H Futch	1			1	
Hickory	Newton	Hickory	E Biggs	2				
Harperville	Scott	Harperville	W S Ford			1	7	
Hebron	Newton	Riversville	H W Laird, J L Taylor	1			1	
Lake	Scott	Lake	T M Gould, A M Morgan				2	
Linwood	Neshoba	Sierra	J N Nicholson, W H Church	4				
Liberty	Newton	Battlefield	W G Skelton	1			4	
Mt. Sinai	Neshoba	Dixon	J J Ingram, J G Walton	14				
Midway	Newton	Newton	A J Freeman, G F Williams	1				
Mt. Vernon	Newton	Hickory	T M Kennedy, J H Tisdale	10				
Mt. Pleasant	Newton	Chunky	T J Rhodes, W J Blass	14		1	25	
Chunky*	Newton	Chunky	By letter				4	
New Prospect	Newton	Prospect	W J Brown, W H Willis	19			1	
New Hope	Neshoba	Centralia	E L Gross, H C Boler	3			9	
New Hope	Scott	Lake	A B Gordy, C C Duckworth	1				
Newton	Newton	Newton	N L Clarke, T C Viverett	7			4	
New Providence	Newton	Chunky	W P Vaughn, A F Lindley	3				
Oakland	Newton	Moore's Mill	T I Wells, I H Brown	7			9	
Old Union	Scott	Steele	J M Hutson, Joe Rushing				2	
Pleasant Hill	Newton	Conehatta	T B Pace, J R Pace, J H Nestor, A J Small	15			10	
Pickney	Newton	Stamper	J W Arnold, A J Gordon				1	
Poplar Springs	Newton	Newton	W M Yarbrough, W J Bruner, N B Hammond	1	1		6	
Prairie Concord	Newton	Newton	W B Hammond, G C Fore	1	1			
Pine Bluff	Newton	Newton	N McCrahey, J S Hollingsworth					
Pine Ridge	Newton	Lawrence	Jas Simmons, N H Monroe				5	
Randall Hill	Jasper	Jewell's Hill	W A Coker, J D McCord				4	
Rock Branch	Newton	Union	R K Cleaveland, F P Laird	8			4	
Salem	Scott	Forest	W W Lewis, I M Nichols	3				
Sulphur Springs	Scott	Hays	H J Connell, J H Wilson	9	2		1	
Sand Springs	Newton	Hickory	A M Smith, C C Bradley	9				
Sardis	Leake	Sebastopol	W E Easom		1		1	
Union	Newton	Union	J M Moore, D C Payne	2			11	
Union	Scott	Harperville	J H Steele	1				
Woodland	Neshoba	Waldo	A W W Grafton	2				
Total				185	9		160	

* Changed from New Prospect to Chunky † Includes F. and I.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

NOTES.	Baptized.	Received by Letter.	Restored.	Dismissed by Letter.	Excluded.	Dead.	Males.	Females.	Colored.	Total.	No. Minutes.	Annuational Fund.	Domestic Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Indian Missions.	Other Purposes.	Time of Meeting.	Licentiates.	Ordained Ministers.	PASTORS.
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Sixtieth Annual Session

OF THE

MT. PISGAH BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

HELD WITH

Poplar Springs Church,

NEWTON CO., MISS.,

September 18th, 19th and 20th. 1897.

OFFICERS:

N. L. CLARKE, Moderator	Newton, Miss.
JAS. E. CHAPMAN, Clerk	Newton, Miss.
J. E. GRAHAM, Treasurer	Shealy, Miss.

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Report of the Committee on State of Religion and Fraternal Correspondence with the Churches.

DEAR BRETHREN: Through the ever abounding mercy of God, we have been allowed and enabled to hold our Sixtieth Annual Session. Our brethren of the Poplar Springs Church, have received us cordially, and sustained us bountifully, even richly. The weather has been fine. The past year, embracing our present session, has been one of much prosperity and peace. The churches and their pastors seem to have kept the unity of the Spirit in the bonds of peace. We have word from nearly all the churches that compose our body. They have all had preaching, and most of them additions by baptism—more or less numerous. Likely, more baptisms have been reported this year than for many in the past. Our ministers have been self-denying and laborious. Happily our churches seem in the main to have escaped questions that gender strife; exhibiting great soundness in the faith; being builded on the Rock, they feel the foundation sure. The preaching during this session of the body has been sound and instructive. The work of Missions is admitted still to be our great work. Fifty-three years devoted to this blessed work by our Association, has served to show that it is of God. Likely, at no time, have we been more united in our efforts to give the gospel to a perishing world. God is blessing our work where-ever put forth. Looking back over the past, up to the present time, we see no reason for discouragement, but much to the contrary. We draw this from past success and the Scripture promises of success to the faithful, "Be ye faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life." There are besetments, and we, as baptists, are in danger of being injured by them. The admonition, "Watch," was especially given to the pastors, and under them to the churches. Then let us watch. Peter, the apostle, exhorts elders to be sober, to be vigilant, and watch their adversary, the devil, who as a roaring lion goeth about seeking whom he may devour; and adds: "Whom resist steadfast in the faith." We have more to fear from the world and its wisdom, plans and policy than anything else. Worldly honor in the Kingdom of God is church ruin. No intelligent baptist can shut his eyes to the fact that many of our churches in the State are compromising to the world. Hear the sacred Word, "Be not conformed to this world." Let us be careful in the reception of members and in ordaining ministers. We want members, but character more. Let us not change the form of worship left us by our fathers. How sad to see the lifeless instrument take the place of the human voice in God's worship, while half the church or more mourn over the change. Paul did not give place to error for a moment. "Give the devil an inch and he will take an ell." Shall we stain the reputation of our grand and beloved association by letting in the world? God forbid.

N. L. CLARKE,
J. W. ARNOLD,
I. H. BROWN,
L. S. JAMES,
H. W. LAIRD.
J. M. MOORE,
J. H. SATTERFIELD,

Proceedings of Mt. Pisgah Baptist Association in Annual Session for 1897.

POPLAR SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH,
Newton Co., Miss., Sept. 18, 1897.

According to the arrangements of the last annual meeting of the Mt. Pisgah Association, Elder W. P. Vaughn, at 11 o'clock, preached the Introductory Sermon. Text—1st. clause of the 2nd verse of II Tim., 4th chapter: "Preach the Word." The sermon was faithfully and earnestly delivered, warning against the many innovations of the day, and also admonishing to continue in and for the Scriptural doctrines of grace. It was well received by a good sized and orderly congregation.

After the sermon about an hour was spent in refreshments, furnished by the church and community, which were abundant in quantity and excellent in quality.

AFTERNOON—SATURDAY.

After singing an appropriate hymn, prayer was offered by Elder J. M. Moore.

The Association was then convened by her venerable Moderator, Elder N. L. Clarke, in her 60th annual session.

The following committees were then appointed:

TO READ LETTERS—J. O. Crawford, W. J. McMullen, R. E. Chapman.

FINANCE—A. J. Small, J. K. Jordan, C. C. Roebuck.

Elder J. J. Ingram was appointed to preach at the stand.

Letters from the churches were then called for and read, and delegates names enrolled. All were represented or heard from in some way except one, Concord, Jasper county.

By unanimous consent, the Association agreed to re-officer by acclimation.

Elder N. L. Clarke was re-elected Moderator, Jas. E. Chapman re-elected Clerk and J. E. Graham re-elected Treasurer.

Visiting ministers were invited to seats with the body.

Petitionary letters were then called for—none petitioning.

Correspondence from sister Associations was then called for, when Elder J. T. Halford presented a letter from the Salem Association, and was seated as such with the body.

Owing to the "yellow fever excitement" it is thought other correspondents were kept away.

The usual committees were then appointed by the Modera-

tor as follows :

ON PREACHING—Pastor and deacons of Poplar Springs Church with Wm. Graham and T. E. Wilson.

QUERIES AND REQUESTS—J. W. Arnold, W. J. Bruner, J. E. Graham, C. R. Pace, T. G. Coker.

NOMINATIONS—R. L. Simmons, C. C. Bradley, T. W. Gulley, Joe Rushing, Wm. Graham.

TEMPERANCE—J. E. Chapman, H. Bruce, A. W. Petty, F. M. Breland, A. P. Wash, Wm, Yarbrough.

PUBLICATIONS—T. M. Gould, J. R. Sansing, J. C. Russell, A. J. Rainer, W. J. McMullen.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS—J. O. Crawford, N. H. Monroe, W. S. Wedgeworth, S. D. Reeves, W. F. Nicholson, R. N. McDill.

MISSIONS—J. M. Moore, T. D. Gordan, L. A. Chesney, N. C. Weed, J. P. Pace.

EDUCATION—W. P. Vaughn, B. W. Rainer, T. E. Wilson, Eley Robinson.

STATE OF RELIGION AND FRATERNAL CORRESPONDENCE WITH THE CHURCHES—I. H. Brown, J. M. Moore, J. W. Arnold, L. S. James, J. H. Satterfield, H. W. Laird. On motion, the Moderator was added and made chairman.

On motion, a special committee on Obituaries was appointed : H. O. White, J. E. Chapman, Wm. Yarbrough, J. P. Pace, H. Bruce.

The Preaching Committee made the following report : Prayer Meeting at 10 o'clock, conducted by H. O. White. Elder J. M. Moore to preach the sermon on Missions at 11 o'clock. Elder J. T. Halford at the stand at 2 o'clock in the evening and Elder H. O. White at the house at the same hour. Elder J. W. Arnold to preach at 11 o'clock Monday.

On motion, agreed to take up collection at the close of the 11 o'clock service on Lord's day for Missions.

On motion, adjourned to meet at 9 o'clock Monday morning.

LORD'S DAY SERVICES.

At 10 o'clock Sunday morning the prayer meeting exercises were conducted by Elder H. O. White. During the prayer meeting, a special prayer was offered in behalf of our country, for deliverance from the yellow fever plague which is now in some portions of our land. Elder N. L. Clark led in the prayer.

At 11 o'clock Elder J. M. Moore preached the annual sermon on Missions. His subject was taken from Mathew 25th chapter, from 14 to 30 verses. Theme : "The Kingdom of Christ and its mission in the world." The sermon was one of his very best, and was well received by a very large con-

gregation. We all felt it good to be there, and it is hoped much good will result from this day's services. At the close a collection was taken for Missions.

At 2:30 o'clock, Elder J. T. Halford preached at the stand and Elder H. O. White in the house. The preaching was well received and considered sound and instructive. Thus closed the Lord's day services. Refreshments were served at the usual hour, which were partaken of by all.

MONDAY MORNING, 9 O'CLOCK.

At 9 o'clock the Association was opened by song and prayer, offered by Elder Wm. Yarbrough.

Letters and messengers were then called for from churches not heard from on Saturday.

Letters were read from Sardis Church, Scott county, and Centre Ridge, Newton county.

The roll was called and several brethren excused.

Renewed call for correspondence from sister Associations. None.

By request of the Moderator, the Clerk read the objects and Powers and Rules of Decorum of the Association.

Appointed the following correspondents to sister Associations:

HARMONY—J. J. Ingram, J. M. Porter.
SALEM—N. L. Clarke, E. N. Robinson.
NEW LIBERTY—N. L. Clarke, T. J. Rhodes.
SPRINGFIELD—Joe Rushing, T. M. Gould.
PEARL VALLEY—J. M. Porter, F. M. Breland.
OKTIBEHA—J. M. Moore, J. J. Ingram.
LIBERTY—Wm. Yarbrough, W. J. Bruner.

Resolved, That all messengers be authorized to write their own letters, and sign the Moderator's and Clerk's names to the same.

By motion, agreed to renew correspondence with the Liberty Association, and appointed messengers as above.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

By action of the Association, speeches were limited to ten minutes.

QUERIES AND REQUESTS—Report read by J. W. Arnold. Discussed by Wm. Yarbrough, T. J. Rhodes and J. W. Arnold, and adopted. Appendix A.

MISSIONS—The report was read by J. M. Moore. Remarks by brethren Vaughn, White and others, and then adopted. Appendix B.

The following resolution was adopted by the Association:

Resolved, That the Patrons' Union be requested not to encourage the Indians in ball playing, as we are endeavoring to Christianize them with the Gospel, and we feel that it is demoralizing to our work.

NOMINATIONS—The report was read by R. L. Simmons and adopted. Appendix C.

SABBATH SCHOOLS—Report was read by J. O. Crawford, the chairman, and adopted. Appendix D.

TEMPERANCE—The report read by J. E. Chapman. Discussed by brethren Vaughn, Crawford and others. Adopted. Appendix E.

Adjourned one hour for dinner.

MONDAY—AFTERNOON.

After refreshments resumed business. Reports of committees continued.

FINANCE—Report was read by A. J. Small and unanimously adopted. Appendix F.

PUBLICATIONS—The report was read by chairman T. M. Gould. Discussed by the chairman, Satterfield, N. L. Clarke and others and adopted. Appendix G.

EDUCATION—J. O. Crawford read the report by request. Adopted. Appendix H.

STATE OF RELIGION and FRATERNAL CORRESPONDENCE WITH THE CHURCHES.—Report was read by J. M. Moore and adopted. First page.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON OBITUARIES—By request J. E. Chapman read the report. Adopted. Appendix J.

The following named brethren were appointed as delegates to the General Association of Mississippi: T. C. Viverett, W. P. Vaughn, N. L. Clarke, D. T. Chapman, J. E. Chapman, H. Bruce, J. W. Arnold, J. O. Crawfbrd, I. H. Brown, T. I. Wells, Wm. Yarbrough, J. M. Porter, J. E. Graham, C. C. Roebuck, T. E. Wilson, N. C. Weed, J. W. Boyd, T. J. Rhodes, W. J. McMullen, W. J. Bruner, G. G. Rainer.

RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved 1st., That the clerk have Abstract of Faith, Gospel Order, and Rules of Decorum published in the minutes, and this resolution be made permanent for the future.

2nd. That the pastors and delegates of this Association be requested to bring the subject of Missions before their churches and urge them to send up funds to the General Association.

3rd. That the clerk publish in the minutes a form of letter to the Association for the benefit of the churches.

4th. That the clerk be instructed to have the minutes printed where he can get them the most neatly and promptly

done, paying for the same when so done and he approves the work, and that he distribute them to the churches as soon as possible, drawing on the treasurer for his usual salary, printer's fee, and postage, reserving a sufficient number of copies for correspondence.

5th. All funds remaining in the hands of Treasurer, after all expenses have been met, shall be sent up to the General Association for Missions.

6th. That we most heartily tender our thanks to the Poplar Springs Church, and surrounding community at large for their kind, generous, and abundant entertainment of the Association during this session.

7th. That we now adjourn to meet with Sulphur Springs Church, Scott county, Miss., on Saturday before the 3rd Lord's day in September, 1898.

Elder J. J. Ingram is to preach the next Introductory with Wm. Yarbrough, alternate. Elder N. L. Clarke on Missions, J. E. Chapman, alternate.

While singing, the parting hand was taken, thus closing a very pleasant and harmonious session. Closing prayer by J. E. Chapman.

N. L. CLARKE,
Moderator.

J. E. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

APPENDICES.

QUERIES AND REQUESTS—A.

We, your committee, would submit the following report: We find seven requests for the next meeting of this body, 1898, to-wit: Cross Roads, Hebron, Pine Bluff, Pinckney, Mt. Vernon, Sulphur Springs and Rock Branch. We recommend the next meeting to be held with the Sulphur Springs Church, Scott county, Miss.

We also find the following query from Pleasant Hill Church: Can a church scripturally receive or retain in fellowship a member who has married a divorced person whose former companion is still living?

To the above query we would make the following answer: A member may be retained in fellowship who has marrid a person divorced from another, if the one scriptural ground referred to in Mathew 19:9 existed as the cause of the separation.

Respectfully submitted,
J. W. ARNOLD, Chairman.

MISSIONS—B.

Your Committee on Missions report: That the law of the Great Head of the Church commanding us "to preach the gospel to every creature", has not been repeated, and that it is just as essential to obey Him in this command, as it is in the act of baptism or communion at the Lord's table. Jesus says: "Why call ye me Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?" And this duty is just as plainly taught as the duty of baptism. In fact both duties are coupled together, and incorporated in the same sentence. The last words of our Savior were, "Go teach all nations, baptizing them," &c. This command is given to the Church, first to teach, then to baptize the taught. While all Baptists readily admit that we can not obey the gospel without bap-

tism, yet many seem to think they may render acceptable obedience without engaging in Mission work. It accords with the whole tenor of scripture that God wants the whole world to hear the gospel. The field is the world, and He has imposed this duty upon His churches. This is the vineyard in which we are to work, the field we are to occupy till He comes. We are to continue the work till He comes. But why does He want it preached to the world? 1st. Because it bears the message of God's love to a lost and guilty world. He wants it known that "God is love;" that His love is boundless and everlasting, and that in the greatness of His love He has provided for men dead in sin; a Savior mighty, and able to save all that come unto God by Him. 2nd. Because the gospel is the only appointed means whereby sinners can be pointed to Christ. This truth is so abundantly taught in the New Testament that it is astonishing why any reader should doubt it. "Not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth." "It pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe." As God's love to us prompted Him to make the great sacrifice upon the cross for us, so our love to Him, and to the lost and perishing, should prompt us in contributing freely, cheerfully, willingly, liberally and continuously to this glorious and heaven appointed work. The more we possess of the mind and spirit of our blessed Savior, the more heartily will we engage in this work. And where-ever the gospel has gone, it has borne fruit. We see evidences of its saving power among the Indians in our midst. Before the gospel was preached them a few years ago, they were all strangers to the grace of God. But now many of them love and worship the same God that we do. It has been a great struggle for some of them to break off their old habits of ball-playing, crying over their dead, &c. And in this many of our white brethren have aided and encouraged them by their presence and influence. This is very wrong. An Indian cry or ball play, is no place for a Christian. "Let every one that nameth the name of Christ, depart from iniquity." Let us who have taken upon us that holy name, do all that we can to teach them that all such practices are inconsistent with the Christian profession, and help them by counsel and influence and every possible way that we can, to give them up for the sake of Him who gave Himself for us.

Respectfully submitted,
J. M. MOORE, Chairman.

NOMINATIONS—C.

We, your Committee on Nominations, would submit the following report: Elder J. J. Ingram to preach the next Introductory Sermon, with Elder Wm. Yarbrough as alternate. Elder N. L. Clarke the Annual Sermon on Missions and J. E. Chapman be his alternate.

Respectfully,
R. L. SIMMONS, Chairman.

SABBATH SCHOOLS—D.

Your committee beg to report as follows: So far as reports from the churches show, there is very little interest manifested on the part of our churches in Sunday School work. This we deeply deplore. 1st. Because the Sunday School is a great factor, not only in indoctrinating our children and young people in Bible truths, but also in our distinctive Baptist doctrines and principles. 2nd. We believe, that if the children of Baptist parents are not specially looked after and taught the truth as contained in the Bible, together with the importance and necessity of conforming to its teachings and strictly following the commands of our Saviour, they are more liable to conform to the teachings of men and be led to embrace error.

We consider the work of the Sunday School, church work, and as

such, should be entirely under the direction of the church. Each church should have a Sunday School officered by men who are not only members of the church, but by those who are also known to be sound in New Testament doctrines. Teachers should also be members of the church with unquestionable faith in all of our doctrines.

Your committee would recommend the study and continued use of the Bible in the Sunday School, and that it should never be discarded; but it may be supplemented by the use of lesson helps, such as are published by the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. There are other good helps to the study of the Bible, but we would recommend the use of our own Southern Baptist literature.

Respectfully submitted,
J. O. CRAWFORD, Chairman.

TEMPERANCE—E.

We, your Committee, would submit the following: "We feel that we have great reason to rejoice over the fact that our country is still relieved of that "curse of curses," the saloon. We should give God the gratitude of our hearts and praises of our lips for what he has enabled His people to accomplish in this great cause. While much has been done, there still remains much to be done. "Blind tigers" still exist to some extent in our country (so report says) and even hints of "illicit distilling," as well as "dealing in bitters"—all of which ought and must be condemned by us. We feel that to patronize such things is to be equally guilty with the vendor. It is as much a sin to give our encouragement in any form to such things as to engage in them. We are taught in God's Word to be obedient to the powers of government, and such things are plain violations of the laws of our country. Therefore, we recommend our ministers to preach against such things and our churches to discipline such members as engage in or patronise such things. Let us never let up on such things until the last vestige of this untold curse is obliterated from our country, and our boys will be free from its temptations at all times and places. Submitted,

J. E. CHAPMAN, Chairman.

FINANCE—F.

Your committee would report as follows: We have examined the Treasurer's report, and find that he received at the last meeting of the Association, including amount on hand at that time for all purposes $145.85. Disbursements, $145.85.

The following was sent up by the churches:

Associational funds	$100.70
Home Missions	13.50
Indian Missions	2.15
Foreign Missions,	.25
Collected on Sunday	15.43
Amount received at fifth Sunday meeting	9.25
Total	$141.28

Respectfully submitted,
A. J. SMALL, Chairman.

PUBLICATIONS—G.

We, your committee, would report as follows: We realize that we should be very careful what we recommend to our people, for we know that the literature read, and especially by the young, has much to do in shaping their course in after life. We find much literature in circulation, attractive in appearance, with much piety incorporated in it, so that many may be misled thereby. Many of our papers are fostering human organizations that are trying to usurp the work of the

church. These societies are rivals of the Church of Christ. Such literature is error beautified and sugar coated. We have but few papers standing in the old way, and pointing to the old paths, which are the paths of Jesus. We have a paper in our midst, the Mississippi Baptist, sound in the faith. Its editor is tried and true. The paper gives no uncertain sound. We should pay our money to support it, and raise our prayers to God in behalf of its editor. We beg you not to freeze nor starve our paper to death. Jesus says, "As much as ye did it to the least of my brethren, ye did it unto me." So stand by our paper, for it pleads the cause of Christ and His churches.

Submitted,
T. M. GOULD, Chairman.

EDUCATION—H.

Your committe submit the following: Education is a question of much interest and great benefit to all classes of people. We have common schools all over the land, and as more people are benefitted by them than any other schools, is one reason why we ought to be more interested in them. More good can be done for the masses by them than by high schools. Hence, we ought to use caution and care in selecting teachers, for they wield a great fnfluence over their pupils. Education is considered a necessity, and is essential to prepare us for any great usefulness in this life. We should give our children the best educational qualifications possible, that they may benefit mankind as well as themselves. Let us do these things with caution and care, lest we be disappointed in our expectations of them. We would recommend Mississippi College for boys and Stone College for our girls. There are other good high grade schools, also, that are worthy of our support.

W. P. VAUGHN, Chairman.

OBITUARIES—J.

We would submit the following: During the last Associational year your body has sustained the loss of Elder A. J. Freeman, who was called to his reward early in the morning of June 20th, 1897. He was born in Jasper county, Georgia, August 28, 1830. He professed faith in Christ and united with the Bethel Baptist Church, August 16, 1858, in his native state. He was ordained to the work of the ministry, December 29, 1859, and spent an active life in this work until he removed to Newton county, Miss., in December, 1876. Brother was very closely identified with our Association from the time he came to Mississippi, serving churches with much acceptance as long as his health permitted. He was greatly beloved by all of our people and his death is deeply felt, and his presence greatly missed among us. He was chosen as State Senator for four years in the Mississippi legislature, in which capacity he served with much honor and faithfulness to himself and his constituency.

We would also mention the decease of a number of our deacons and lay brethren and sisters, all of whom were faithful and more or less useful in their different spheres:

Deacons—Walker Sansing, of County Line; James Simmons, of Pine Ridge; A. M. Smith, of Sand Springs; Edward Dean, Poplar Springs, and Henry Robinson, of Ebenezer, Newton county. Also, brethren J. T. Roebuck, Pinckney; W. L. Edwards, Pleasant Hill; James Collins, Rock Branch; Henry White, Hickory; John Ryle, Decatur; Oliver Whatley, Bethel. Sisters: Cynthia Graham, of Beulah, who reached the ripe age of 92 years; S. C. R. Moore, wife of Elder J. M. Moore; sister Rushing, companion of Elder Joe Rushing; S. R. Vaughn, New Providence; Herd Newton, Fannie Denton, Bethel, all of whom departed in the faith of Jesus. "Write, blessed are the dead that die in the Lord," &c.

Submitted,
H. O. WHITE, Chairman.

Ordained Ministers and their Postoffices.

N. L. Clarke	Newton	W. P. Vaughn,	Chunkey
R. K. Cleaveland	Union	J. W. Arnold	Stamper
Jas. E. Chapman	Newton	J. J. Ingram,	Dixon
J. O. Crawford	Garlandsville	J. M. Moore	Beech Springs
L. B. Fancher	House	H. O. White,	Shealy
H. Bruce	Keenan	T. M. Gould	Lake
E. N. Robinson	Lawrence	T. I. Wells	Moore's Mills
W. J. Bruner	Newton	Wm. Yarbrough	Newton
D. M. Stroud	Hickory	Joe Rushing	Harperville
J H Satterfield	Chunkey	T. J. Rhodes	Newton
F. M. Breland	Dixon		

Licentiates and their Post-Offices.

S. D. Chesney	House	W. G. Everett	Hickory
C. C. White	Hope	N. B. Hammons	Hickory
W. H. Willis	Prospect	W. H. Rainer,	Moore's Mills
M. T. Collins	Union	B. W. Rainer,	Moore's Mills
Jesse Nelson	Union		

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, COUNTY.

The *Baptist Church of Christ,*

To the Mt. Pisgah Association, in her annual session for the year 189 .

DEAR BRETHREN—We have chosen our beloved brethren, to represent us in your body with as alternates.

Our statistics are as follows :

Baptized	Number of Minutes
Received by Letter	Associational fund,
Restored,	Time of Meeting
Dismissed by Letter	Ordained Ministers
Excluded	His Post Office
Dead	Licentiates
Males	Their Post Office
Females	Church's Post Office
Total,	

Brethren, pray for us, and may the Lord be with and bless you in all of your deliberations.

(Here make requests or propound queries.)

Approved by the church in Conference, August 189

B. C., Clerk. A. B., Moderator.

ABSTRACT OF FAITH---Preamble.

We, the churches of Jesus Christ, who have been regularly pabtized upon the profession of our faith, and convinced of the utility of a combination of churches, and of maintaining a correspondence for the preserving ofunion amongst churches of the same faith, form ourselves into an Association upon the following princfples, viz:

1. We believe in one Triune God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost, the same in essence, equal in power and glory.

2. We believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testament were given by the inspiration of God, and are the only rule of faith and practice.

3. We believe in the fall of Adam from his original rectitude, and in him, all his posterity; in consequence of which, we inherit a fallen and depraved nature, consequently the scriptural doctrine of the total depravity of human nature, and of man's inability to restore himself into the favor of God.

4. We believe that God hath loved His people with an everlasting love, that He chose them in Christ before the foundation of the World, that He calleth them with a holy and effectual calling and being justified alone through the righteousness of Christ imputed to them, are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation.

5. We believe there is one mediator between God and man--the man Christ Jesus--who, by the satisfaction He made to the law and justice, in becoming an offering for sin, hath, by His most precious blood, become the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth.

6. We believe that the gospel is God's appointed means of calling sinners to the knowledge of the truth--that He has commanded it to be preached to every creature, and requires all men to repent, believe and obey.

7. We believe that the gospel is made effectual by the operation of the Holy Spirit, and that the sinner, in order to be saved, must be born again.

8. We believe that good works are the fruits of faith, and follow after justification, and are evidences of a gracious state, and all believers are bound to obey every command of God from a principle of love.

9. We believe in the resurection of the dead, a general judgment, and that the happiness of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will be eternal.

GOSPEL ORDER.

1. We believe that a visible church of Christ is a congregation of persons who have been baptized upon a profession of their faith, and who have given themselves to the Lord, and to one another in brotherly covenant to keep up a Godly discipline agreeable to the teachings of the New Testament.

2. We believe that Jesus Christ is the only Head and Lawgiver of His Church; that the government is with the body, the church, and has equally the right and privilege of each member thereof.

3. We believe that Baptism and the Lord's Supper are gospel ordinances, appointed by Jesus Christ, and are to be continued in the church until His second coming.

4. We believe that the ordinances of Baptism and the Lord's Supper are properly administered only by ministers called of God and set apart to the work by the imposition of hands by a Presbytery of regular Baptist ministers.

5. We believe that immersion only is baptism, and that believers in Christ are the only proper subjects.

6. We believe that none but regularly baptized church members have a right to partake of the Lord's Supper.

7. We believe that it is a duty and privilege of all believers to make a public profession of their faith, to submit to the ordinances of the gospel and give themselves as members to the visible church.

8. We believe it to be the duty of every church to expel from her communion every member that is immoral in conduct, or that holds doctrine contrary to the Scriptures.

OBJECTS AND POWERS OF THIS ASSOCIATION.

1. This Association acknowledges and maintains that each church is an independent body, and possesses the sole right to exercise and control its own affairs; and, therefore this Association has no right or power to interfere with the internal rights and privileges of churches composing its body, but may withdraw from any church which may hold false doctrine, or tolerate immoral practice.

2. The objects of this Association shall be to promote fellowship and harmony among the churches; to inquire into any difficulties between the churches, and remove them if possible; to give the churches the best advice they can in difficult matters, when solicited, and, in general to advance the interest of the Redeemer's Kingdom in any way they may deem practical.

3. With regard to the benevolent institutions in our country, we declare it to be the inalienable right of every association, of every church, of every individual member of a church, to support them according to their own views of duty and dictates of their own conscience; and the right shall never be called in question in this Association. And any motion whereby this right is called in question shall be instantly ruled out by the Moderator, as being unconstitutional.

4. This Association may maintain a friendly correspondence when convenient with other religious bodies of the same faith.

5. Ministers of the gospel in good standing, though not delegates may be invited to seats in the Association, but not to have the privilege of voting.
6. The Association may appoint any person or persons by and with their consent, to transact any business they may deem necessary.
7. The Association may adjourn to any time and place they think proper.
8. The Association shall keep a record of their proceedings, and have them printed when necessary.
9. The Association shall have a fund, and appoint a treasurer to take charge of it, who shall account to the Association for all monies which shall come into his hands for the use of the association.
10. The Association may form their own By-Laws, and regulate their own proceedings in such a manner as they may think expedient.

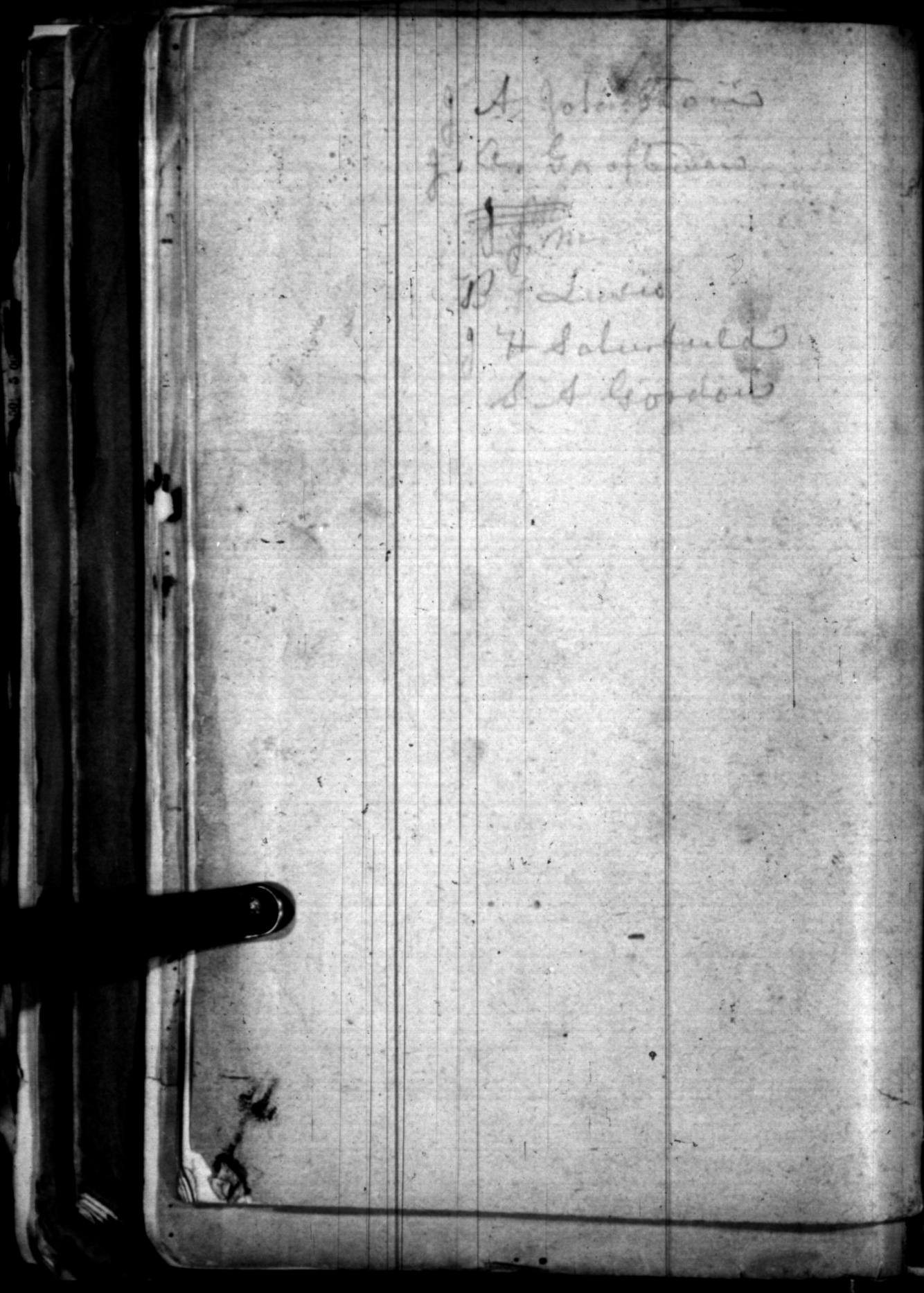
RULES OF DECORUM.

1. This Association shall consist of delegates chosen by the churches to which they respectfully belong, and shall be styled the Mt. Pisgah Association.
2. Such delegates shall be members in good standing, and no members under church censure shall be allowed a seat in the Association.
3. They shall produce letters certifying their appointment by their respective churches, and stating the number baptized, received by letter, restored, dismissed, excommunicated and deceased, during the preceeding Associational year, with the total number in fellowship, and such other statistical matters as the Association may direct.
4. This Association shall have a moderator, clerk and treasurer, who shall be annually chosen by a majority of the members present, by ballot or otherwise, said officers shall fill their respective places, if present, at the succeeding Association, until a new election takes place, and while in office, shall discharge the duties ordinarily incidental to those offices.
5. If new churches desire to be admitted into the Association, they shall petition by letter and delegates, and, if orthordox and orderly, shall be received, and the Moderator shall recognize them by giving their delegates the right hand of fellowship in behalf of the body.
6. Every church shall be allowed two delegates and no more until her number shall exceed one hundred—three until it shall exceed one hundred and fifty, then four and no more.
7. The Association shall neither answer or debate any query on Gospel doctrine, except it be merely to explain the meaning of the Articles of Faith of this Association.
8. Every motion made in order and seconded, shall be reduced to writing if requested by any member, and shall be considered by the Association except withdrawn by the mover before discussion.
9. Motions made and lost, shall not be recorded on the minutes, unless so ordered at the time.
10. If any proposition or motion under debate contain two or more points it shall be divided at the request of any member, and the vote taken on each point separately.
11. Only one member shall speak at the same time who shall arise from his seat and address the Moderator. He shall confine himself to the subject properly in debate, cast no reflection on the Association, or any member thereof and shall not be interrupted while speaking.
12. No person shall speak more than once upon the same subject till all who may desire to speak thereon have enjoyed that privilege, and not then without leave of the Association.
13. The Moderator shall have the privilege of speaking on any question to the body.
14. The Moderator shall decide questions of order, but an appeal from such decision may be taken to the whole body, which shall be decided without debate.
15. A majority of the members present shall be necessary to carry any motion or proposition, and the Moderator shall vote as other members when the question is taken; and in case of a tie, the question shall again be put to the Association, and if not then decided, the Moderator shall proceed to decide the matter in controversy by lot.
16. Committees shall be nominated by the Moderator, subject to the approval of the Association.
17. There shall be no talking or whispering while a brother is speaking.
18. No brother shall finally depart from the Association without leave of the body.
19. The names of the delegates shall be enrolled by the clerk, and called over whenever necessary.
20. The minutes shall be read and carefully corrected, if necessary, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk, before the Association rise.
21. A motion of final adjournment shall be construed to involve the previous reading and adjustment of the minutes.
22. The Association shall be opened by prayer.
23. The Rules of Order shall be distinctly read by order from the Moderator, as soon as the Association convenes on Monday.
24. The foregoing articles shall be subject to alteration or amendment, at any regular meeting of the Association by a majority of the Association.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	COUNTIES.	POST OFFICES.	NAMES OF DELEGATES.	Baptized.	Received by Letter.	Restored.	Dismissed by Letter.	Excluded.	Dead.	Males.	Females.	Colored.	Total.	No. Minutes.	Associational Fund.	Time of Meeting.	Licentiates.	Ordained Ministers.	PASTORS.
Bethlehem	Newton	Union	T. D. Gordon, Nat. Gulley	15	1		1		1	23	27		50	15	1 50	2			J. M. Moore.
Bethel	Newton	Newton	J E Chapman, H. L. Shotts, R. L. Simmons		11		10	1	3	41	65		106	30	3 00	3		1	J. E. Chapman.
Bethel	Neshoba	House	L. A. Chesney	6		1	2	1		12	18		30	10	1 85	4	1	1	L B Fancher.
Bethany	Neshoba	Franks	J M Porter, R I White	2			7			15	19		34	10	1 00	1	1		T G Ward.
Beulah	Newton	Riversville	H O White, J E Graham, J L Harrison, W H Harrison	8	2		1	1	2	64	115	3	182	50	4 00	4		1	H O White.
County Line	Neshoba	Union	J R Sansing, W B Sansing	1	3		2	1	1	26	46		72	25	2 50	4	1		G W Breland.
Concord	Jasper	Garlandsville	Not represented										22	6		4			J O Crawford.
Cross Roads	Newton	Keenan	H Bruce, J C Russell		3		8			34	32		66	20	2 00	3		1	H Bruce.
Centre Ridge	Newton	Moore's Mill	By Letter	3	2		11			21	21		42	20	2 00	4		1	T I Wells.
Chunkey	Newton	Chunkey	J A May	7	14		1			17	28		45	20	6 00	4			C C Vaughn.
Decatur	Newton	Decatur	J W McMullen, J K Jordan, T G Coker	6	2		1		3	58	83	15	156	60	5 00	2			N L Clarke.
Enon	Neshoba	Engine	W W Jenkins, S F Rhodes	4	4	1	2			14	30		44	21	2 10	3			G W Breland.
Ebenezer	Neshoba	Beech Springs	By Letter		2		2			12	8		20	12	1 20	3			J M Moore.
Ebenezer	Newton	Lawrence	E N Robinson, E M Nelson	8	5		2		1	16	41		57	10	1 00	3		1	W J Bruner.
Ephesus	Scott	Forest	J A Gardner, A J Myers	12	3		1	2	1	19	33		52	15	1 50	4			Joel Rushing.
Good Hope	Newton	Hickory	James Biggs, S W Monroe	5	1					16	19		35	15	1 50	2	1	1	W P Vaughn.
Good Hope	Scott	Lake	Will Brooks	5		1	6		3	13	20		33	10	1 00	2			Joel Rushing.
Hickory	Newton	Hickory	C R Pace	12	4		5	3	1				69	25	2 50	3			T I Wells.
Hebron	Newton	Riversville	H W Laird, M J Taylor	14	2	1	1			23	19		42	20	2 10	2			L B Fancher.
Lake	Scott	Lake	T M Gould		2					8	13		21	10	1 00	2		1	J E Chapman.
Mt. Sinai	Neshoba	Dixon	J J Ingram, F M Breland	13	9	1	2	1	3	37	73		110	40	4 05	3		2	R M Woodruff.
Midway	Newton	Newton	W J McMullen, B F Gibson				2		1	10	19		29	18	1 25	3			Wm Yarbrough.
Mt. Vernon	Newton	Hickory	J O Crawford, D Nicholson	1	7					36	44		80	15	1 50	1		1	J O Crawford.
Mt. Pleasant	Newton	Chunkey	G G Rainer	1	4		6	6	2	27	54		81	25	2 50	2			T I Wells.
New Prospect	Newton	Prospect	C M Russell, W L Pace			1	1			25	37		62	15	2 00	1	1		J W Arnold.
New Hope	Neshoba	Centralia	G M Smith, T W Gully	27	8	4			2	40	51		91	25	3 35	3			J J Ingram.
New Hope	Scott	Lake	T F Gould	6			4	1	1	28	29		57	20	2 00	4			J E Chapman.
Newton	Newton	Newton	N L Clarke, J W Phillips		7		2		1	23	38		61	25	2 00	4		1	N L Clarke.
New Providence	Newton	Chunkey	W P Vaughn, J H Satterfield	2	2		1		1	14	17		31	12	1 20	3		2	W P Vaughn.
Oakland	Newton	Moore's Mill	B W Rainer	4			7			23	32		55	25	2 50	1	2		T I Wells.
Old Union	Scott	Steele	A W Petty, Joe Rushing	1	1		2		1	9	22		31	15	1 50	2		1	J W Arnold.
Pleasant Hill	Newton	Conehatta	A J Small, J P Pace	3	3	1	7		2	48	79		127	40	4 00	1			J E Chapman.
Pinkney	Newton	Stamper	J W Arnold, C C Roebuck	10	2		4		1	20	25		45	25	2 50	4		1	H Bruce.
Poplar Springs	Newton	Newton	H W Williams, A M Harris, A J Rainer, W Yarbrough	6	5		5		1	51	116		167	35	3 50	2	1	3	Wm Yarbrough.
Prairi' Concord	Newton	Newton	N C Weed, G C Fore	3	3		3			10	18		28	10	1 00	4			W J Bruner.
Pine Bluff	Newton	Newton	A P Wash, W Burt	7	3		2		1	20	31		51	25	2 50	1			Wm Yarbrough.
Pine Ridge	Newton	Lake	N H Monroe	5	4		2	2	1	11	32		43	10	1 00	2			E W Sumrall.
Poplar	Newton	Cooksey	S D Reeves	1	3					12	17		29	20	2 00	4			J W Arnold.
Randall Hill	Jasper	Baxter	T E Wilson, W S Wedgeworth	5	1		6		2	14	21	1	36	15	1 50	4			Wm Yarbrough.
Rock Branch	Newton	Union	W F Nicholson	13	3		3		1	27	39		66	25	2 50	3	1	1	R K Cleaveland.
Salem	Scott	Gail	W R Graham	1	4					14	22		36	15	1 50	3			J H Grundy.
Sulph'r Springs	Scott	Hays	R N McDill				10	2	3	26	35	3	64	25	2 50	3			J W Arnold.
Sand Springs	Newton	Hickory	C C Bradley	6	8		3		1	33	31		64	20	2 00	1			H Bruce.
Sarilis	Scott	Sebastopol	— — Easom	23	3					18	31		49	15	1 50	1			J A Johnston.
Union	Newton	Union	J M Moore, L S James	4		1	4	1	1	27	23		50	25	2 60	1		1	J M Moore.
Union	Scott	Harpersville	J C Rushing, R M Beasley	10	3		1	1		17	27		44	15	2 50	4			J H Grundy.
Woodland	Neshoba	Waldo	By verbal request							11	10		21	15	1 00				R M Woodruff.
Total				160	144	12	130	23	42	1053	1610	22	2776		100 70		9	21	

NOTE—Bethany Church, Home Missions, $2.00; Indian, $2.15. Ebenezer, Neshoba county, Missions, $3.00. Good Hope, Scott county, Missions, 35 cts. Salem, Missions, $6.90.



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SIXTY-FIRST ANNUAL SESSION
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HELD WITH

Sulphur Springs Church,

SCOTT CO., MISS.

SEPTEMBER 17, 18 AND 19, 1898.

OFFICERS

N. L. CLARKE, Moderator.....Newton, Miss.
JAS. E. CHAPMAN, Clerk.....Newton, Miss.
J. E. GRAHAM,.....Roscoe, Miss.

D. EDGAR BURNETT, PRINTER, NEWTON, MISS.

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STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	COUNTIES.	POST-OFFICES.	NAMES OF DELEGATES.	Baptized.	Received by Letter.	Restored.	Dismissed by Letter.	Excluded.	Dead.	Males.	Females.	Colored.	Total.	No. Minutes.	Associational Fund.	Domestic Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Indian Missions.	Other Purposes.	Time of Meeting.	Licentiates.	Ordained Ministers.	PASTORS.
Bethlehem	Newton	Union	J H Germany, T L Germany	2					1	16	25		41	15	$ 1 50	$ 2 00	$	$	$	2			J W Arnold
Bethel	Newton	Newton	Jas E Chapman, D T Chapman, J Ed Chapman				3		1	39	65		104	30	3 00	9 45	29 60	11 70	5 00	3		2	J E Chapman
Bethel	Neshoba	House	Not Represented																			1	
Bethany	Neshoba	Hope	S T Hattaway, W M Tullos	1			2	3	1	15	21		36	12	1 25		4 00	1 00		1	1		J J Ingram
Beulah	Newton	Shealy	H O White, J W Williams, Jas Harrison, W H Harrison	13	3		23	2		83	109		192	50	5 00	11 30				1		1	H O White
County Line	Neshoba	Union	M W Laugham, B W Sansing				2			21	36		57	20	2 00	6 00	2 00	2 00		4			G W Breland
Concord	Jasper	Garlandsville	W S Duckworth										22	10	1 00	1 55				4		1	J H Halford
Cross Roads	Newton	Keenan	T H Stamper, H Bruce	17			3			27	28		55	20	2 00	9 80	3 05			3			J M Moore
Centre Ridge	Newton	Moore's Mill	J S Wells	2			2			18	19		37	15	1 50	7 50				4		1	T I Wells
Decatur	Newton	Decatur	J W McMullen, T L Gaines, W W Coursey, T G Coker	1			5	1	2	52	84	15	151	65	7 00	†75 00				3			N L Clarke
Enon	Neshoba	Union	J C Savall, W D Sharpe	4			4	2	1	18	34		52	15	2 00					2			G W Breland
Ebenezer	Neshoba	Beech Springs	R G Walton, E L Walton	1			2			12	11		23	15	2 00	3 05				3			H Bruce
Ebenezer	Newton	Lawrence	E N Robinson, B W Robinson			2		3		13	33		46	15	1 50					3		2	E N Robinson
Ephesus	Scott	Forest	B A Myers, G W Gardner	3			1	2	1				50	15	1 50					3			J M Hutson
Good Hope	Newton	Hickory	D M Stroud, S W Monroe	2			1		1	13	17		30	15	1 50	2 45	1 00			1			J E Chapman
Good Hope	Scott	Lake	E T Clarke, W H Futch	1			1			13	23		36	10	1 00					2	2		H Bruce
Hickory	Newton	Hickory	E Biggs	2				5		25	36		61	25	2 50	5 85				2			L E Hall
Harperville	Scott	Harperville	W S Ford			1	7	3	1	19	36		55	20	2 25					3		2	J C Foster
Hebron	Newton	Riversville	H W Laird, J L Taylor	1			1			17	19		36	15	1 50			2 90		2			L B Fancher
Lake	Scott	Lake	T M Gould, A M Morgan				2		1	8	11		19	12	1 20	1 60	5 15	1 25		4		1	J E Chapman
Linwood	Neshoba	Sierra	J N Nicholson, W H Church	4						21	31		52	20	2 10					1			R K Cleaveland
Liberty	Newton	Battlefield	W G Skelton	1			4			14	16		30	15	1 50					3	1		H O White
Mt. Sinai	Neshoba	Dixon	J J Ingram, J G Walton	14						25	49		74	30	4 00					3		1	J J Ingram
Midway	Newton	Newton	A J Freeman, G F Williams	1						9	24		33	18	1 50	7 00				3		1	A J Freeman
Mt. Vernon	Newton	Hickory	T M Kennedy, J H Tisdale	16				6	1	24	35		59	15	1 50					1			N L Clarke
Mt. Pleasant	Newton	Chunky	T J Rhodes, W J Blass	14			25	2	1	27	58		85	25	2 50	4 10				2	1		T I Wells
Chunky *	Newton	Chunky	By letter				4			7	11		18	5	50								
New Prospect	Newton	Prospect	W J Brown, W H Willis	19			1			36	46		82	15	1 50					1			J W Arnold
New Hope	Neshoba	Centralia	E L Gross, H C Boler	3			9	2	1	27	39		66	20	2 40					3			L B Fancher
New Hope	Scott	Lake	A B Gordy, C C Duckworth	1					1	27	32		59	11	1 10	2 10	3 90			4			E W Sumrall
Newton	Newton	Newton	N L Clarke, T C Viverett	7			4		1	20	36		56	20	2 00	†35 25				4		1	N L Clarke
New Providence	Newton	Chunky	W P Vaughn, A F Lindley	3						10	12		22	8	80					3	1	1	W P Vaughn
Oakland	Newton	Moore's Mill	T I Wells, I H Brown	7			9			28	38		66	25	2 50	13 60				1		1	T I Wells
Old Union	Scott	Steele	J M Hutson, Joe Rushing				2			9	22		31	20	2 00					2		2	W B Brantley
Pleasant Hill	Newton	Conehatta	T B Pace, J R Pace, J H Nestor, A J Small	15			10	6	2	67	104		171	40	4 00	†17 10				1			J E Chapman
Pickney	Newton	Stamper	J W Arnold, A J Gordon				1		2	19	18		37	20	2 00	5 25				3		1	J W Arnold
Poplar Springs	Newton	Newton	W M Yarbrough, W J Bruner, N B Hammond	1	1		6	6	1	35	102		137	35	3 50	4 65	3 45			3	2	1	N L Clarke
Prairie Concord	Newton	Newton	W B Hammond, G C Fore	1	1			5	2	10	22		32	15	1 50					2			E W Sumrall
Pine Bluff	Newton	Newton	N McCraney, J S Hollingsworth							16	25		41	20	2 00					1			W M Yarbrough
Pine Ridge	Newton	Lawrence	Jas Simmons, N H Monroe				5			10	17		27	10	1 00	1 75	3 60	50		1			E W Sumrall
Randall Hill	Jasper	Jewell's Hill	W A Coker, J D McCord				4	3		11	25	1	37	15	1 70	3 00				4			W M Yarbrough
Rock Branch	Newton	Union	R K Cleaveland, F P Laird	8			4			22	34		56	16	1 60	19 40				3		1	J M Moore
Salem	Scott	Forest	W W Lewis, I M Nichols	3						11	17		28	15	1 50	6 10				3			J H Grundy
Sulphur Springs	Scott	Hays	H J Connell, J H Wilson	9	2	1	3	3		43	49	3	95	35	3 50	3 00				3			J W Arnold
Sand Springs	Newton	Hickory	A M Smith, C C Bradley	9						10	20		30	10	1 00					1			H Bruce
Sardis	Leake	Sebastopol	W E Easom		1	1				6	16		22	10	1 00					1			Joe Rushing
Union	Newton	Union	J M Moore, D C Payne	2		11	2			30	29		59	25	2 50	†17 55				1	1	2	J M Moore
Union	Scott	Harperville	J H Steele	1						8	21		29	10	2 00	† 2 50				3			W S Ford
Woodland	Neshoba	Waldo	A W W Grafton	2					1	10	13		23	10	1 00	1 00	1 00	2 50		4	1		R M Woodruff
Total				185	9	18	151	26	100	1562	19	27	25	927	$96 90	$ 278 80	$56 75	$21 85	$ 5 00	10	22		

* Changed from New Prospect to Chunky

† Includes F. and I.

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